GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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CELLULAR SERVICES IN NORTH EAST STATE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Cellular Phone service has been introduced only in Guwahati and Shillong in the North-East;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to extend the Cellular Phone service in other parts of the North-East also;

(d) if so, the time schedule drawn therefor; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e): Expansion or fresh start of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service is not permitted at present by Private Operators as well as Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in the North-East and Assam Telecom Circles covering the North-Eastern States, on security considerations.